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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AKIHIKO TAKEUCHI, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/057,969

Filed: January 29, 2002

For: IMAGE HEATING APPARATUS
HAVING A LIMITING MEMBER
(AS AMENDED)

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Examiner: Sophia S. Chen

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March 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO AMEND THE DRAWINGS

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's permission to amend the drawings in the above-identified application as follows:

IN FIGURE 2:

Hatch layer 30b as a heat resistant elastic layer.

IN FIGURE 8:

Re-label the figure as Fig. 8(a) and Fig. 8(b);

hatch layer 2 as an elastic material; and

hatch layer 3 as a resin.

Approved (82) 3/31/03